

Chauncy Place April 11. 1842.

Dear Deborah,

Before going a word farther, I will
measurably relieve all your anxiety relative to Henry & Maria.
They have arrived at Gonaves. When & how we hardly know as
our information comes in a rather circuitous way. W. F. Weld
has received a letter from Mr. Mayr via Philadelphia. Mr
M. in that letter says "Mr & Mrs Chapman have arrived
at Gonaves" & then goes on to express his own satisfaction & to
say he shall make preparations for their arrival to the Cape.
Probably the messenger that carried news from Gonaves to Cape
May then went mistakenly on the arrival of the Danube
& that there was no time for them to announce their arrival
by the same means. But the late Thompson is expected
in every day from the Cape. We have all felt a good deal
of concern tho' we have kept it pretty much to ourselves.
I suppose you will be surprised at finding me starting
from here. I came in town on Wednesday last. The certainty
of my coming was to be at the A. S. Meeting to be
held over & Thursday evenings, but then again it is true
that I had been for several days in the fidget & uneasy
about Maria till I used to be at Boston to hear the
first news, and as I was going in, in a week to be present
at the meeting of the Boston female, I made up my mind to
go then. I came in town with Mr Kingsbury & had a very agreeable
time, only I thought he was a little too polite & amiable. How-
ever I did not get so alarmed but that I agreed to go out
with him next Thursday. When I got here I found Mrs Chapman
really very sick, confined to her bed & Dr Jackson coming every
day. She has a derived slow pulse. Part of the time her fever
has been very high & she has looked very ill, but she seems
to be a little mending, though as I have not seen her since
Friday I am hardly a judge. Mary says she has not been
so ill since Ann's death. Abby Seely was here the day I
came in town and went down in the afternoon to Hingtown
Caroline according to a previous engagement went too. Abby
has been making quite a stir in North Brookfield & that
region & seemed well pleased with her labours. I prophesy a
match between Abby & John M. Fiske. He has got so much
strength as to renounce his church & his mother was the
chief thing in Abby's mouth.

Abby is on her way to Blyton on the Co. where she wishes to raise \$200. as then she will have fulfilled her pledge of raising \$1000 for the Am. Soc. Caroline says she had very good audience at Geringham. She lectured two nights in the Academy Hall. Mr Stearns sat with her & spoke very powerfully. There has been quite an A. S. Service at Geringham. Bradburn made quite a stir there. The A. S. Meeting in town went off very well, not full to crowding, but respectable full. On the first evening Mandell began & Bradburn ended. They both spoke well, in their respective ways; it has got to half past 9 when up arose Abigail & held forth at such a rate as to stop poor Bradburn at once. He strove to hold his own a little I said "Perhaps the meeting had better close. Miss Tolson whom I sincerely compassionate." "Yes, yes cried Abigail" he loves me as the Fox loves the chickens" at this Bradburn gave up & Collins dissolved the meeting. The next evening went off without any disturbance. Bradburn spoke first, & concluded closed in a very eloquent manner. Candis Charles went home with me. The Islander was very polite to me & called first day. I was out & so he called the next day & we had quite an agreeable time. I think what with Caroline's joys & yours I have a full time of it. However I always had a liking for this brother as you well know and have done my best to subserve his interests. I had a letter the other day from Dr Farris worth. It came to W. & Mr Kingbury kindly sent it in. The Dr has had a civil suit instituted against him which is to come in next month at Duxbury. He seems in rather better spirits about it than he did. Collins has had a Migratory fever, but has got out, tho' still in great pain & covered with blisters. Pleasant indeed are very safe Mr Pierpoint & Mr Gannett both have been very sick with them, both thought to be in great danger. Indeed there never was a time when there was so much sudden sickness & death. You know Dr Nairn is dead, & Dr Kittridge died yesterday morning. Many Forbes' Cunningham is quite sick and multitudes of other people. All were very well when I left home though they had been great sick all round about now. Aunt Shelia, she had had such a very severe attack that we had been greatly worried about her. I was there for two days & have not seen her

for many days no ice. But she was on the Recovery. I received
your letter to Caroline on bed. & another with my Exercise
Book Saturday. I should be glad to accept of your offer
about going to N.Y. if I felt it right; but I do not. I
think you want your money for many other things. Deedly
think you had better buy a carpet as I do not see how
we can get along this sum nor without. I mean to take
Caroline & go to Petes' & try to work one up. - I shall if possible
send your shawl by Abby's bundle. I have sent to New York
for it, but as we do not send bundles by land post it makes
it rather more expensive. I went to Mr. Boott's to enquire the
time of sending & found a bundle would go bed. so I thought
it best to write this to day. We went to Derry & Limerick
last Saturday; Mary, I, Dizzy & Warren. I suppose they had
quite an uproar at Weymouth on Sunday, as Caroline brought
up word from Weymouth that Abby Kelley had
gone over there to lecture. I can only hope Mrs. Tiffey
was in, for I don't want Mr. & Emma I don't want the
bundle, but I cannot tell how it was. I must leave it all
to Providence. It was not my affair getting her. I soon went
over for Mr. Dizzy & I went by special invite to Kenettown &
passed the day. Miss Shattuck met us & Harvey came in the
evening. We all went all day to Mr. Mott's on Sunday to hear
Mr. Stevens preach. I liked him much. He prayed properly for
the slaves & behaved well about every thing. I will try to
see all your commissions discharged by the time Abby's bundle
comes; if your shawl don't get here in person, I will send it
some other way. To day I called at Miss. Remond's, Mrs.
Alden (she was engaged) & at Mrs. Farwell. She received me
in a very gracious manner. Catherine Robbins, Mrs. Gardner
Greene & her daughter have been here to day. I will
write you the moment we have letter, let me be when
I will. I forgot to say I called this morning on Mrs. Stevens
her husband is much better. I do not think we shall send
you from Dizzy's gown. Perhaps I shall be able to do one of
them, before going out of town. Mary desires her love to you
I will send your little ruff very soon, next chance.

Yours ever in haste A. C. W.

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